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Chapter 70.95E RCW and its implementing rule, adopted as Chapter 173-305 WAC, require that certain hazardous waste generators or potential generators and hazardous substance users pay two fees. The Hazardous Waste Education Fee is an annual fee charged to every known and potential generator of hazardous waste doing business in Washington. Ecology charges the Hazardous Waste Planning Fee to those facilities required to prepare plans for the reduction of hazardous substance use and hazardous waste generation.

Hazardous Waste Education Fee

All known hazardous waste generators must pay the annual Hazardous Waste Education Fee. Ecology defines "known generators" as owners or operators who have submitted notification that they generate waste and who have received an EPA/state identification number. "Potential generators" operate businesses with primary activities that will likely generate any quantity of hazardous waste. Potential generators may not currently generate hazardous waste, but they must pay the fee. Ecology uses the Hazardous Waste Education Fee to fund technical assistance and compliance education for firms that generate small quantities of hazardous waste.

Hazardous Waste Planning Fee

Certain facilities must prepare plans for the reduction of hazardous waste and hazardous substance use in accordance with Chapter 70.95C RCW and Chapter 173-307 WAC. Specifically, these facilities generate more than 2,640 pounds of hazardous waste annually, or report under SARA Title III, Section 313. These facilities pay the Hazardous Waste Planning Fee.

Ecology annually calculates this fee using a specific formula. The formula considers the pounds of hazardous waste generated and reported on the Form 4 Generator Annual Dangerous Waste Report, and the pounds of toxic emissions reported on Form R under the Toxic Chemical Release Reporting requirements. The pounds of emissions are added to the pounds of dangerous waste and the pounds of extremely hazardous waste. Extremely hazardous waste pounds are multiplied by a factor of ten to compensate for the higher risk to the environment.

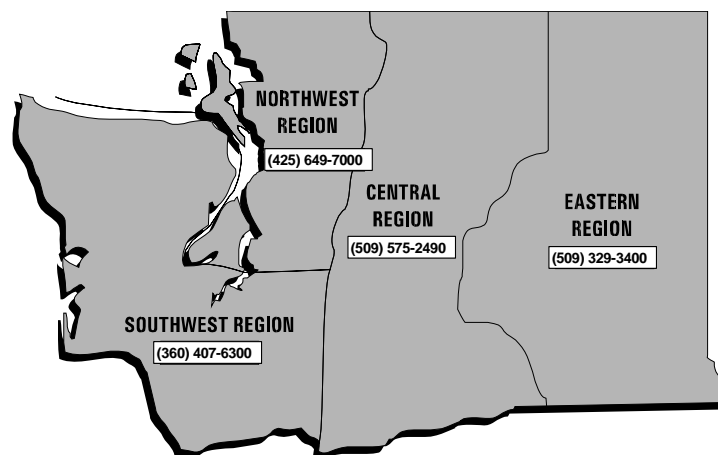
A "per pound" rate is determined by dividing the total amount to be collected from all facilities (one million dollars per year plus inflation) by the total pounds reported. This rate is then applied to the number of pounds reported by each individual facility, resulting in the total fee for each individual facility. The amount of the fee cannot exceed ten thousand dollars per year (plus inflation) for individual facilities or interrelated facilities doing a single plan. Facilities are billed each spring, with the fee due by July 1.

Ecology uses the revenue generated from this fee to provide technical assistance during the preparation of plans, as well as during plan implementation. Plan review and administrative costs are also included.

For More Information

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The Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program is responsible for managing and reducing hazardous waste and toxic substances in Washington. If you have a question, please contact a Toxics Reduction Specialist or Hazardous Waste Specialist at your nearest regional office.



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